

In the Claims:

1. (original) A sole structure for a cleated shoe comprising:
 - an outsole formed of a hard material, said outsole being in the shape of a thin plate; and
 - a plurality of cleats provided on a bottom surface of said outsole;

wherein said outsole has a first and second bulge each protruding downwardly toward the ground surface; said first bulge located at a position that corresponds to a thenar eminence of a foot of a shoe wearer, said second bulge located at a position that corresponds to a hypothenar eminence, said first and second bulge each having a sectional shape that conforms to a shape of a forefoot portion of a foot that has been flexed, and some of said cleats provided on a convexly curved surface of said first and second bulges.
2. (original) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to claim 1, wherein said outsole further includes a third bulge protruding downwardly toward the ground surface, said third bulge located at a position that corresponds to a first distal phalanx of a foot of a shoe wearer, and some of said cleats are provided on a convexly curved surface of said third bulge.
3. (original) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to claim 2, wherein said outsole further includes a fourth bulge protruding downwardly toward the ground surface, said fourth bulge located at a region that corresponds to each

5 phalangeal joint between each distal phalanx and each
6 middle phalanx of a second to fifth toe of a foot of a shoe
7 wearer, and some of said cleats are provided on a convexly
8 curved surface of said fourth bulge.

1 4. (original) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according
2 to claim 1, wherein said outsole has a flat, W-shaped cross
3 section at said first and second bulges.

Claims 5 and 6 (canceled).

1 7. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to
2 claim 4, wherein one of said cleats is located at a top
3 centered position of a corresponding bulge.

1 8. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to
2 claim 3, wherein one of said cleats is located at a top
3 centered position of a corresponding bulge.

1 9. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to
2 claim 2, wherein one of said cleats is located at a top
3 centered position of a corresponding bulge.

1 10. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to
2 claim 1, wherein one of said cleats is located at a top
3 centered position of a corresponding bulge.

1 11. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to
2 claim 10, wherein said sole structure further includes a
3 midsole formed of a soft elastic material, said midsole

4 disposed at least at a forefoot portion of the upper
5 surface of said outsole. .

1 12. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to
2 claim 4, wherein said sole structure further includes a
3 midsole formed of a soft elastic material, said midsole
4 disposed at least at a forefoot portion of the upper
5 surface of said outsole.

1 13. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to
2 claim 3, wherein said sole structure further includes a
3 midsole formed of a soft elastic material, said midsole
4 disposed at least at a forefoot portion of the upper
5 surface of said outsole.

1 14. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to
2 claim 2, wherein said sole structure further includes a
3 midsole formed of a soft elastic material, said midsole
4 disposed at least at a forefoot portion of the upper
5 surface of said outsole.

1 15. (new) The sole structure for a cleated shoe according to
2 claim 1, wherein said sole structure further includes a
3 midsole formed of a soft elastic material, said midsole
4 disposed at least at a forefoot portion of the upper
5 surface of said outsole.

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